



**CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY**

BRIEFING: May 5, 2011 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #5

TO: Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members

FROM: Dan Leavitt, Deputy Director

DATE: April 27, 2011

RE: San Francisco to San Jose Section Update

Discussion

This agenda item is intended to serve to provide the public and the Board an opportunity to be briefed on the current state of establishing a phased implementation approach for the development of high-speed train service on the San Francisco to San Jose Section of the statewide high-speed rail system. The update will define a phased implementation approach and the associated benefits to stakeholders of using incremental phases to develop the full high-speed rail system between San Francisco and San Jose as envisioned by Prop. 1A. The presentation will describe the issues that must be considered in establishing an “Initial Operating Phase”, a minimal level of infrastructure required to provide high-speed train service along the section, as a first step toward full construction of the high speed rail system within a shared corridor with Caltrain. The presentation will also clarify that the Authority will use the phased implementation approach to determine a final alternative within the Draft Environmental Report/Study, which will environmentally clear both the initial operating phase and the full system.

Staff Recommendation

No action required.

Attachments:

- ✓ Update of San Francisco to San Jose Section Alternatives Memo